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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JUNE 29, 2006 RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 29, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. With a two-month extension, these documents are due on or before September 29, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-258(2) (Cura 558(2)).

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.